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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KITSUKAWA ET AL.

Examiner

Vivek Srivastava

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 January 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

The previous rejection has been incorporated by reference in the instant offices action and has not been reiterated below. It is noted that none of the claims have been amended and claims 21 – 24 have been cancelled. Claims 1 – 20 are pending.

Response to Arguments

(1) Applicant argues “Specifically, if the references were to be combined in accordance with what they teach, a TV schedule would be downloaded which shows only those shows that are available at the predicted access times, according to Williams et al, with video ads being downloaded by a presumably related – EPG – but not at predicted access times (Claims 1 and 15), predicted times of usage (Claim 2), or predicted access times (Claim 8)”.

Applicant's agree that Williams discloses downloading TV schedule information at predicted access times, and that Williams is silent as to downloading audio-video entertainment content. Alexander teaches an improved EPG schedule guide which not only presents a user with schedule information but also presents audio – video entertainment content in the form of advertisements. Alexander further teaches the EPG is customizable according to user profile information and that the advertisements presented in the EPG are according to a user's profile. Alexander still further teaches

"In another embodiment, the advertisements in the library are also assigned to particular television program or classes of television programs in terms of channel and time".

Alexander yet still further teaches "The time of the monitored event can also be taken into account in order to distinguish between multiple users of the same EPG or related television receiver. The assumption is that people using the EPG and watching television at different times of the day have different interests—housewives may use the EPG more in the morning, children may use it in the early evenings, and men who work outside the home may use it on Sunday afternoon." Alexander clearly establishes that certain audio – video advertisements are presented based on access times, in the morning, early evenings, Sunday afternoon etc. As a result, Applicants arguments with respect to "Alexander et al teaches.....without any regard for or evident concept of timing the download in accordance with any predicted access times" is not persuasive.

(2) Applicants argue that the gateway screen is downloaded based specifically on the relied-upon beginning and ending times.

The Examiner respectfully disagrees. As discussed in the office action, Williams discloses the claimed limitations. As a result, Applicant's arguments are not persuasive.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vivek Srivastava whose telephone number is (571) 272-7304. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday – Friday from 9 am to 6 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chris Kelley can be reached on (571) 272 – 7331. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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